

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ATHENS 04460 171524Z

53

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 SAM-01

IO-10 ACDA-05 AID-05 EB-07 CIEP-01 TRSE-00 STR-04

OMB-01 CEA-01 /093 W

----- 070026

R 171446Z JUN 75

FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9188

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

AMCONSUL THESSALONIKI

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ATHENS 4460

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, GR, TU

SUBJECT: CARAMANLIS REPLIES TO DEMIREL'S NEWS CONFERENCE

REMARKS

REF: ANKARA 4649, 4662, 4671 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: PM CARAMANLIS ISSUED A BRIEF STATEMENT ON JUNE 16 IN RESPONSE TO TURKISH PREMIER'S JUNE 15 NEWS CONFERENCE REMARKS CONCERNING GREECE. CARAMANLIS AGREED THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE SOLVED THROUGH DIALOGUE BUT REBUTTED DEMIREL'S COMMENTS ON GREECE'S APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN EEC SAYING ESSENTIALLY THIS WAS NONE OF TURKEY'S BUSINESS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY PM CARAMANLIS ON JUNE 16 WAS PROMPTED BY DEMIREL'S REMARKS AT HIS NEWS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ATHENS 04460 171524Z

CONFERENCE ON JUNE 15 TO THE EFFECT THAT PROBLEMS BETWEEN

GREECE AND TURKEY SHOULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATION. DEMIREL'S REMARKS RECEIVED WIDE AND GENERALLY FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE HERE, ALTHOUGH ATHENS PRESS DID NOT REPORT DEMIREL'S COMMENTS ON GREECE'S ENTRY INTO EEC (ANKARA 4662). CARAMANLIS' STATEMENT OPENED ON A POSITIVE TONE (QUOTES TAKEN FROM SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN). "I AGREE WITH THE VIEW OF THE TURKISH PM THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE SHOULD BE SETTLED THROUGH DIALOGUE. ON THE OTHER HAND, I HOPE HE WILL ALSO AGREE WITH ME THAT THE BASIS FOR THE DIALOGUE SHOULD BE LOGIC AND JUSTICE, NOT FACTS ACCOMPLISHED."

3. COMMENTING ON DEMIREL'S STATEMENT THAT GREECE'S APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMON MARKET WAS CONNECTED WITH THE GREEK-TURKISH CONFLICT, CARAMANLIS SAID: "THIS IS ENTIRELY GROUNDLESS, OWING TO THE FACT THAT GREEK OFFICIAL POLICY AS WELL AS MY OWN ON GREECE'S ENTRY INTO THE COMMON MARKET DATES BACK A LONG TIME TO WELL BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE."

4. CARAMANLIS CONTINUED "AS REGARDS THE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT GREECE'S ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MIGHT PROVE TO BE AN OBSTACLE TO TURKEY'S ENTRY, I HEREBY STATE THAT GREECE NEITHER HAS NOR WILL IT HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO TURKEY'S ENTRY, SHOULD TURKEY BELIEVE THAT HER OWN CONDITIONS ALLOW IT. FINALLY, WITH REGARD TO MR. DEMIREL'S STATEMENT THAT THE GREEK ECONOMY IS NOT DEVELOPED ENOUGH FOR ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY, I WOULD SAY THAT THIS IS A MATTER TO BE DECIDED BY GREECE AND THOSE TO WHOM THE APPLICATION IS MADE, NOT BY TURKEY."
KUBISCH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEMBERSHIP, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 JUN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975ATHENS04460
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750210-1189
From: ATHENS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750640/aaaabkdw.tel
Line Count: 93
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 ANKARA 4649, 75 4662, 75 4671
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 APR 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <22 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CARAMANLIS REPLIES TO DEMIREL'S NEWS CONFERENCE REMARKS
TAGS: PFOR, GR, TU, EEC, (CARAMANLIS, CONSTANTINE)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006